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**CITY AND VOLUNTEERS MARK "GRAND OPENING" OF RECREATION PATH  
ENTRANCE IN OLD NORTH END ON NOV 13**

***Community Potluck and Ride to Follow Event***

Burlington, VT – November 11, 2010. Mayor Bob Kiss, City Councilors, community organizations and volunteers, and other City officials will mark the grand opening of the new Old North End recreation path entrance **on Saturday, Nov. 13, 11:00am at the corner of Manhattan Drive and St. Louis Street.**

What was at one time the entrance to the "Burlington Municipal Refuse Disposal Grounds" on Manhattan Drive has been renovated to a neighborhood centerpiece and gateway to the recreation/bike path along Rte 127. This substantial renovation occurred through a combination of grants and city funds plus an estimated equal value of volunteer labor, all invested into the organizing, demolition, construction, landscaping and signage for the newly-improved gateway.

With the installation this week of a "You Are Here" sign kiosk, the Mayor and the Director of the Parks and Recreation Dept. will recognize the work of city employees, various City departments, and the fulfilled ambitions of dedicated neighborhood volunteers who have spent years organizing and laboring to make this happen. Organizations that have taken active roles include the City Council, the Burlington Walk/Bike Council, Local Motion, AARP, the Burlington Bicycle Coalition and dozens of residents.

The opening of the new recreation path gateway follows a series of recent bike and pedestrian investments and policy initiatives including; historic City investment in road repaving through a voter approved bond and increased dedicated tax; Burlington's (and among Vermont's) first

“complete streets” pilot project on Colchester Ave; the installation of commuter and day-use bicycle lockers in the downtown Cherry Street garage; new “countdown” pedestrian walk signals in the downtown; City Council passage of an improved Bicycle ordinance; and announcement of a new task force focused on improving the Waterfront bike path.

Here is the agenda for the celebration grand opening – all are welcome:

- 11:00 – 11:30: Welcome, acknowledgements, thanks: speakers to include Mayor Bob Kiss; David Berezniak, City Councilor/Ward 2; Mari Steinbach, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jon Griesser, resident project manager; Peg Dumas, resident and long-term project volunteer
- 11:30 – 12:30: Community Pot Luck – bring a dish to share and join fellow residents at the Boys and Girls Club for a luncheon
- 12:30: Group bike, walk, run along the 127 Bike Path

This event will go on rain or shine!